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Rick Santorum visits Hope College

Conservative presidential candidate rallies for family values and religious freedom



Chris Russ, Claire Call and Lauren Madison
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF, AND CAMPUS CO-EDITORS

Presidential Candidate Rick Santorum held a campaign rally in Maas Auditorium at Hope College Monday night. Student organizers led by the Hope College Republicans were given little notice and had minimal time to prepare and promote the event. A press release announcing the event was not published until Sunday evening, yet the auditorium was filled to its 250 person capacity and more were turned away.

"The Santorum campaign asked us if we would like to host an event for them and we put it together in real short notice and were able to get a pretty good turnout," said Stewart Elzinga ('12) of the Hope College Republicans.

The Hope College Democrats also had to act quickly once they heard of the event. "We tried to organize as quickly as possible. It's important to us that Rick Santorum understands that West Michigan doesn't belong solely to Republicans and that there is diversity of voices and opinions here. I'm actually glad he's here. For one, it's helped out Hope Democrats; we've sold more T-shirts than we have all semester. But really I think the key to democracy is open

PHOTO BY ANN MARIE PAPARELLI

SEE SANTORUM, PAGE 2

Hope raises tuition 2.9% up for sixth year in a row

Mary Kelso
GUEST WRITER

I'm sure you received the letter and let out a collective groan: yes, tuition is going up. Again. But before pointing fingers and threatening to transfer, it may pay to look a little deeper into this issue.

For the sixth year in a row, the tuition at Hope College is increasing. This year there will be a 2.9 percent increase, which translates into \$1,040. Total tuition, room and board will increase to \$36,320, up from \$35,280 for 2011-2012.

Tom Blysm, the vice-president and chief fiscal officer of business services, provides some reasons behind the numbers.

First, there has been a 3 percent raise in the inflation index since last year. The 2.5 percent base wage increase approved for faculty and staff must also be taken into account.

"When determining the level of tuition, room, and board rate increases for a given year, inflationary and market pressures on these items are

carefully reviewed," Blysm said.

In a letter to Hope students and parents regarding the tuition increase, this rationale is stated: "In considering student charges, the college tries to balance two principle concerns. The first is a concern to maintain the quality that Hope students and their parents have come to expect. The second is a concern for the financial impact of the charges on Hope students and their families...We are also committed to doing everything possible to maintain the affordability of the college for our students and their parents."

If you look at other colleges in our academic consortium, Hope's tuition increase looks like a bargain. Last year, Hope's increase was 1.9 percent while peer colleges averaged at 4.4 percent.

Calvin College recently approved a 4.5 percent tuition increase for the 2012-2013 academic year, bringing the total cost of attendance to \$35,815.

President James Bultman, in his winter 2012 Presidential Update, outlined how Hope is able to keep the increase below

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Peace Corps recruits at Hope

Lauren Madison
CAMPUS CO-EDITOR

The Peace Corps held a meeting February 17 to inform interested students about the Peace Corps experience, from the initial application process to time spent in service abroad.

Three former Peace Corps members spoke about their 27-month-long international experiences, in locations diverse as Eastern Europe, Morocco and South Africa.

The first three of these 27 months are dedicated to volunteer training, in which an accepted Peace Corps member learns the language, history and culture, of the host country. Though this initial training is the most time-intensive, training sessions do continue throughout a volunteer's Peace Corps experience.

About 20 Hope students were in attendance, more than regional recruiter Judy Torres had expected. Among these students was Matthew Rutter ('12), who successfully applied for and interviewed with the Peace Corps. He was nominated by his interviewer to serve in Sub-Saharan Africa starting summer 2012.

Rutter, a management, philosophy, and organizational leadership student, views his approaching time in the Peace Corps as "an opportunity for [his] life's great experiment." He views the service component of the Peace Corps experience as hugely valuable, but also looks forward to living for a period of time outside the realm of Western influence.

"The Peace Corps is an unprecedented opportunity to serve as best I can, while 'experimenting' with ways to lead a Gospel-centered life outside American culture. It seems like God has given me peace toward my decision to go. Therefore, I go," Rutter said.

Also in attendance was Hope student and music major Kelli VanDyke ('13). "The Peace Corps interests me because it is a great organization where I can use my skills to really help people. I have studied abroad twice, am pretty gifted with languages and have a heart for what the Peace Corps stands for, so I feel that I have no reason not to serve," VanDyke said.

While the Peace Corps aims to serve the needs of those in the international community,

time spent in Peace Corps service also benefits volunteers. According to Hope student Carmina O'Sullivan-Scimemi ('14), "The Peace Corps can do incredible things for recent college graduates. My parents met during their time serving in Tunisia, where they taught English to school age children. From what they tell me, Peace Corps allows you to see and experience the world in a way you wouldn't otherwise. Plus, it looks great on resumes."

The Peace Corps offers its volunteers help with student loans, free travel to and from a country of service, two vacation days per month, medical and dental care, health insurance, and about \$7,000 in "transition funds" upon completion of service.

Many interested in the Peace Corps worry about the competitive nature of the application process. Recruiters present at Friday's meeting emphasized the importance of volunteer work and the ability to keep an open mind as characteristics that can be valuable in an applicant.

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Wednesday-Saturday Feb.22-25
Theatre Department presents
“As it is in Heaven”
DeWitt Main Theatre, 8 p.m.

Thursday Feb. 23
Poetry reading by Fred Mer-
chant
Winants Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday Feb. 24
The Sense of Book: Rare
Books from the Hope College
Collection
Depree Art Gallery, all day

IN BRIEF
INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR

The annual International Food Fair at Hope College will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Maas Center auditorium. The fair has been sponsored by the college’s international students for more than 25 years. For the event students get together to cook a dish from their homeland. Tables will feature food and educational displays concerning the cuisine and cultures. Faculty, staff, students and people from the community buy tickets at the. Admission is \$5 for an initial packet of five tickets, with additional tickets costing \$0.50 each. Most dishes cost one or two tickets.

Santorum campaigns for Ottawa County vote

♦Santorum, from page 1

discourse, and the more of that we have, the better. So I really hope that he takes questions and we have an open discourse and we can aide democracy in that way,” said Lee Marcus (‘12), president of the Hope College Democrats.

Santorum’s speech covered campaign topics such as health care reform, his plans for smaller government and growing the private sector, and the recent birth control debate.

Throughout his speech, Santorum continually emphasized the importance of family values and religious freedom in America, as he believes both to be threatened by the possibility of four more years of the Obama administration.

Santorum also made sure to make his speech relatable to the people of Western Michigan, praising Ottawa County as “the second-most Republican county in America” He criticized the snobbish or elitist outlooks of other politicians while describing himself as more approachable and down-to-earth. “I come from Western Pennsylvania. I come from many areas that are very similar to Michigan, and I can tell you, we went through some tough times, but I always believed that government wasn’t the answer.”

This statement echoed the words of Rev. Tyler Wagenmaker, one of Santorum’s opening speakers, who said, “We’re not like liberals, every time we see a problem we don’t have a government program to fix it,” a statement welcomed with applause from the audience.

Reactions to Santorum’s speech varied and were predictably divided along partisan lines.

“I thought he did well. I thought the topics he covered and the way he approached a lot of the issues is what we’re looking for in our next president,” Elzinga said.

Marcus, on the other hand, said, “I was really disappointed in the way that they fielded questions,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEGHAN LECHNER

STUDENTS SHARE THE SPOTLIGHT— Hope Republicans Meghan Lechner, Emily Evans, and Stewart Elzinga pose with Santorum after the rally.

they didn’t have someone mediate questions who was non-partisan. I was disappointed that it didn’t end up being an event where there was open discourse.”

Even more were upset by the absence of questions taken from Hope students; the three questions that were taken were asked by older community members.

Regardless of individual political alignments, having a presidential candidate on Hope’s campus was widely accepted as an honor and privilege.

“I think anytime we could have national leaders in front of undergraduates it’s a good thing because it helps them engage with the civic process. We have terrific leadership of the student group that made the invitation and they worked very well with college staff in the events and conferences office and that joint partnership made it happen,” said Provost Richard Ray.

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SANTORUM COMES TO HOPE — Above, one of the younger Santorum supporters follows his family out of the rally. Below, Rick Santorum fields questions and speaks to Hope and Holland community members.



PHOTO BY ANN MARIE PAPARELLI

THE NEWS IN QUOTES

“They put a stake in the heart of efforts to resolve this conflict peacefully.”
– U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice, speaking of China and Russia’s veto of the resolution for Syria’s Bashar al-Assad to step down.

“Think of what happened after 9/11. The minute before there was any assessment, there was glee in the administration because now we can invade Iraq, and so the war drums beat...that’s exactly what they’re doing now with Iran.”
– Ron Paul speaking in Ames, Iowa.

“It is going to fail... It is easier to see the sun tomorrow rising from the west than to see all these orders, all these measures bringing us growth, bringing us to normal life.”
– Greek journalist Stylianos Chrysostomidis speaking of a Greek deal with the European Union and the I.M.F.

“If a women’s employer is a charity or a hospital that has a religious objection to providing contraceptive services as a part of their health plan, the insurance company, not the hospital, not the charity, will be required to reach out and offer the woman contraceptive care free of charge.”
– President Barack Obama speaking at a White House press conference.

“We can cut back on the things that we don’t need, but we also have to make sure that everyone is paying their fair share for the things that we do need.”
– President Obama, speaking at a community college after unveiling a \$3.8 trillion budget for 2013.

“It seems like the president has decided again to campaign instead of govern and that he’s just going to duck this country’s fiscal problems.”
– House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., after Obama released his budget plan.

“The General Assembly is dangerously close to making Virginia the first state in the country to grant personhood rights to fertilized eggs.”
– Tarina Keene of NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia, after a Republican supermajority muscled two of the most restrictive anti-abortion bills in years through the Virginia House.

Source: partisans.org and foxtoledo.com

More contractors dying in Iraq

Anneliese Goetz
STAFF WRITER

More civilian workers than military personal are now dying in Iraq. This is not because fewer soldiers are being killed, but because more jobs are being contracted out to the private sector. These jobs include catering, guards and convoy drivers, jobs traditionally performed by the military. The implications of this are complicated for Americans.

The military is under obligation to announce the number and names of those deceased in service. The statistics are widely available and are frequently highlighted by the media. The private sector, however, is under no such obligation. At most they must only notify the surviving family members.

American citizens are generally unaware of the statistics concerning contractors as compared to soldiers. Our ideas about how the situation is progressing are therefore skewed. On a more personal level, those civilians who gave their lives often go uncelebrated on a wide scale. It is also not uncommon for the surviving family members to go uncompensated for the deaths of their loved ones.

In an interview with the New York Times, law professor at George Washington University Steven L. Schooner said, “By continuing to outsource high-risk jobs that were previously performed by soldiers,

the military, in effect, is privatizing the ultimate sacrifice.”

In 2011, “at least 430 employees of American contractors were reported killed in Afghanistan,” according to information gathered for the New York Times. This information was collected through the American Embassy in Kabul and is only partially available to the American public through the United States Department

this list, Afghanistan and Iraq show parallel trends toward more contractor deaths than military. A contributing factor to this early trend was the reduction of American troops. Last year saw the first reversal of this trend since it began, with 54 soldiers dying in Iraq as compared to 41 private contractors.

The numbers for the deaths of private contractors are difficult to accurately judge. The

“the war zone deaths and injuries of their employees – including subcontractors and foreign workers – to the Department of Labor, and to carry insurance that will provide the employees with medical care and compensation.”

The families of foreigners employed by contractors generally receive benefits for life totaling half of the salary of their deceased. The families of Americans are entitled to higher benefits.

The largest concentration of deaths center around a few contracting companies or at least those few companies who are reporting with fair reliability the deaths of their employees. Primarily the deaths are those of “interpreters, drivers, security guards and other support personnel who are particularly vulnerable to attacks.”

L-3 Communications reports the largest number of deaths. According to the New York Times, “If L-3 were a country, it would have the third highest loss of life in Afghanistan as well as

in Iraq; only the United States and Britain would exceed it in fatalities.” Over the past 10 years, they report the deaths of approximately 370 workers, and 1,789 who have been seriously injured.

Supreme Group reports 241 caterers dead, and Service Employees International reports 125 caterers deceased. The security companies DynCorps report 101 deceased, Aegis 86 deceased,



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOING HOME— Soldiers board a C-130 aircraft to make their way back to the U.S. in August. Despite the withdrawal, soldiers and civilians continue to die in Iraq.

of Labor. Of these 430 employees, 386 were working for the Defense Department and 43 for the United States Agency for International Development. One of these 430 worked for the State Department.

An independent organization compiled a list of deaths of American soldiers for the Defense Department, coming up with a total of 418 deceased. In

record standards for private contractors are currently low and experts suspect that many contractors do not meet even these requirements. Schooner said, “No one believes we’re underreporting military deaths. Everyone believes we’re underreporting contractor deaths.”

According to the New York Times, American defense contractors are required to report

News from the other Holland:

Dutch website invites complaints about immigrants

Cory Lakatos
WORLD CO-EDITOR

A new website that invites Dutch nationals to complain about immigrants from Eastern and Central Europe is causing a commotion in the Netherlands. The site was created by the Freedom Party, which occupies the radical right of Dutch politics.

“Do you have problems with people from Central and Eastern Europe? Have you lost your job to a Pole, Bulgarian, Romanian or other Eastern European? We want to know,” says the site. Users lodge their complaints anonymously. Categories include double parking, loud and obnoxious music and drunkenness.

The European Commission has condemned the Freedom Party’s website, and the European Parliament has scheduled a special debate on the issue for March. Joseph Daul, leader of the European Peoples’ Party, has strongly condemned the site. “It

is against all European and indeed human values to attack a group of people in this way. It is reckless to encourage hate and discrimination,” he said.

Iryna Kremin, who was born in the Ukraine but has worked in the Netherlands for 20 years, voiced her concerns about the website to the BBC. “It is not just people from Russia and Poland who get drunk and play loud music, is it? Dutch people do that, too,” she said.

Kremin worries that the site encourages discrimination in the Netherlands. “In every country there are good and bad people, but to have a site that just targets people from Eastern Europe and asks people to say bad things about them, it’s wrong and I don’t think any good can come from that.”

Despite the widespread outcry against the Freedom Party, over 40,000 responses have been posted on the website. Geert Wilder, the party’s leader,

sites this as proof that Dutch voters are using the site as a legitimate outlet for free speech.

Wilder has told the European Parliament to “get stuffed.”

“They should mind their own business,” he said. “We are a sovereign country, we are a democratic political party and we voice the concerns of many Dutch.”

In the past, Wilder and his party have been accused of inciting hate speech by lashing out against European Muslims. Some observers, including Godfried Engbersen, professor of sociology at Erasmus University in Rotterdam, believe that the Freedom Party is now scapegoating Eastern Europeans because support for its anti-Islam platform is diminishing.

Speaking to the BBC, Engbersen spoke of the Dutch controversy in terms that are reminiscent of the debate over immigration in the United States. “The Poles are do-

ing the jobs that the Dutch people don’t want to do themselves. So they are not stealing jobs at all, but Mr. Wilder needs to unite the people and he is using hate and fear to do that to try and boost his own political support,” he said.

Immigration has been a hot-button issue in the Netherlands and other European nations for years. The national statistics bureau estimates that in the Netherlands there are currently 168,000 migrants from Morocco, 197,000 from Turkey and 300,000 from Central and Eastern Europe. Of the latter group, four out of five migrant workers are from Poland.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte has thus far neither condemned nor supported the actions of the Freedom Party, most likely because he needs its support to keep his government in power.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Feb. 19

1473: Copernicus, the founder of modern astronomy and originator of the heliocentric model of the solar system, is born.

1942: President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs executive order 9066, which leads directly to the establishment of internment camps for Japanese Americans.

Feb. 20

1962: John Glenn Jr. becomes the first American to orbit the Earth when he is successfully launched into space in the Friendship 7 from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Feb. 21

1848: Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels publish “The Communist Manifesto” in London.

1916: The 10-month-long Battle of Verdun, the longest battle of World War I, begins at 7:12 a.m.

Feb. 22

2006: A gang of at least six men pulls off the largest robbery in British history, stealing £53 million from the Securitas bank depot in Kent.

Feb. 23

1945: Marines raise the U.S. flag at the summit of Mount Suribachi on the Island of Iwo Jima during the battle between American and Japanese troops.

1954: Dr. Jonas Salk administers his new polio vaccine to students of Arsenal Elementary School in Pittsburgh.

Feb. 24

1840: Former President John Quincy Adams begins arguing the Amistad case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

1868: President Andrew Johnson becomes the first president in U.S. history to be impeached.

Feb. 25

1948: President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia bows to pressure from the Communist Party and allows the organization of a communist-dominated government.

Source: history.com

The Euro crisis: A turning point

Brent Wilkinson
GUEST WRITER

The Greek debt crisis may finally reach a turning point. On Friday, European heads of state and finance officials negotiated a settlement to relieve Greek debt.

The settlement would provide a bailout of 130 billion euros (\$171 billion) to the Greek government, allowing it to redeem bonds worth 14.5 billion euros (\$19 billion) by their deadline of March 20. Restructuring private-sector debt would also provide mild additional relief to the government.

Reactions to the announcement were varied. The German stock market DAX rallied sharply, gaining 1.4 percent. A Spiegel poll of German finance ministers, however, showed that the majority were preparing themselves for the failure of the proposal and the subsequent default of Greece.

Moreover, Friday’s announcement merely indicated leaders’ confidence that they would reach a settlement. The details of such a settlement now must be worked out. In the past, logistics have been the death of many debt reduction proposals.

Among the many decisions that have to be made regarding the settlement – perhaps most importantly – the distribution of the money must be determined. Some leaders want to withhold part of the funds until after Greece’s April elections.

In addition to the distribution of funds, euro zone leaders are also seeking institutional and policy reform from the Greek government to ensure that the country’s debt continues to shrink. Further auster-

ity measures will no doubt be included, but the exact conditions of the bailout are unknown.

Current calculations indicate that the plan would reduce Greece’s debt to 129 percent of GDP by 2020, meaning that even if the plan is fully implemented, the nation would have a long way to go to fix its systemic problems.

Leaders scheduled to meet about these details on Sunday. Any settlement reached on Greek debt will have wide-reaching effects across Europe and the world. German bank officials fear that if the value of Greek bonds is reduced too drastically, investors will be less eager to purchase debt from other struggling countries, such as Spain, Italy and Portugal.

France and Italy hope to reach a quick settlement in hopes that this will bring more stability to Italy’s unsteady debt situation. French firms hold a large volume of Italian bonds, so France is eager to prevent any deterioration of Italy’s debt.

Greece itself has been deeply affected by the austerity measures required to control its debt. The last austerity package included a 22 percent cut in the minimum wage and 150,000 government layoffs. Unemployment in Greece is at 21 percent and rising.

In an unrelated twist of irony, the Greek central bank issued an announcement reminding citizens that they have until March 1 to trade in any drachmas they have for Euros. The 10-year trading period for the old currency ends on that day. While the future looks hopeful, any holdouts with a stash of drachmas may not want to trade them in just yet.

Arab League calling for help with peacekeeping in Syria

Shubham Sapkota
WORLD Co-EDITOR

A week after a UN Security Council resolution was vetoed by Russia and China, the Arab League is calling for a joint peacekeeping force to end the 11-month conflict in Syria.

This peacekeeping force would be a joint effort by the Arab League and UN peacekeeping forces. The proposal was discussed at a meeting in Cairo where the league tried to focus on new ways in which they could diminish the bloodshed in Syria.

The ministers who adopted the resolutions asked the Security Council to allow a joint Arab-United Nations force to “supervise the execution of a cease-fire.” They have also advocated for the Arab League members to “halt all forms of diplomatic cooperation” with the Syrian government.

Furthermore, they supported the notion of cooperating and communicating with Syrian opposition and providing all forms of political and financial support to them. However, the resolution has not yet specified what form of support it would be, and neither has it recognized the Syrian National Council, which is the legitimate representative of Syrian people in the opposition.

While the politicians and ministers of the Arab League have continued to focus on diplomatic efforts, the Syr-

ian government has made clear that this negotiation is not happening. The regime stated on Sunday night that it “completely rejected” any diplomatic approach to dealing with what was going on.

The Syrian ambassador to the League, Yousef Ahmad, further strengthened their disapproval when he claimed that the decision reflected “hysteria and confusion” by the Arab League.

Moreover, it is unclear whether or not the United Nations would actually approve of such a mission. The Security Council has been unwilling in the past to deploy peacekeeping missions where there is no peace to keep. The Council is not united in its stance on how to deal with the situation in Syria, as was evidenced when Russia and China vetoed a resolution this month which called for an end to the violence that is ongoing in Syria.

Regardless of what the United Nations may do, Western and Arab League nations have formed a “Friends of Syria” contact group, which is similar in nature to the group that was used to put pressure on Libya prior to the fall of the regime of Muammar Gadafi.

It is going to take time to see if United Nations along with the international community will do anything to intervene in this issue; until now there was no sign of that.

News Corp. investigated for bribery

Megan Stevens
STAFF WRITER

The New York Times reports that on Saturday, Feb. 11, British authorities arrested eight people in connection with bribery of public officials.

Five of the eight, according to police, were employees of the British Tabloid The Sun, mostly in senior positions.

While names were not released by the police, officers did confirm that one of those arrested was a Surrey police officer. Others arrested included a member of the armed forces and a civil servant from the Ministry of Defense.

The Surrey Police told journalists that they had handed the matter over to the Independent Police Complaints Commission. The Ministry of Defense gave no comments.

According to the BBC, the arrests were part of the police case “Operation Elveden,” which was meant to investigate bribes to police officers. Those arrested were taken to police stations in Essex, Kent, London, and Wiltshire for questioning.

An email sent to Sun employees gave the names of those arrested as Geoff Webster, a deputy editor; John Kay, chief reporter; Nick Parker, the paper’s

chief foreign correspondent; John Edwards, a picture editor; and John Sturgis, a reporter.

Rupert Murdoch, chairman of The Sun’s parent company News Corp., is reportedly flying to Britain in the wake of the arrests.

This is not News Corp.’s first scandal. Last summer the

Since that time 21 people have been arrested, nine of whom worked for The Sun.

Among these were Rebekah Brooks, the former CEO of News Corp., and Andy Coulson, who, in addition to formerly serving as the editor of News Corp.’s own News of the World,



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRIBERY ALLEGATIONS— A protester impersonates Rupert Murdoch. Protests targeting News Corp. began on Feb. 17 outside the company’s headquarters.

News of the World, a now-closed paper the company owned, was involved in the hacking of several voicemail accounts, perhaps the most famous being that of 13-year-old Milly Dowler, a murder victim.

also served as an aide to Britain’s current prime minister, David Cameron. News of the World closed following public reaction to the phone hacking scandal.

According to police, the latest arrests came after the

homes of the alleged bribers were searched. News Corp. has stated that it is offering “immediate legal representation” to those arrested. Despite this, says the National Union of Journalists, the paper remains in a “witch hunt” state.

According to the BBC, News Corp. has also said that one of its own departments, the Management and Standards Committee, gave police the information that led to the arrests. A former News Corp. official claimed that the company had given the police “receipts, expense reports, messages, and other internal documents.” The New York Times reports that other former employees feel that the company is only “protecting itself and serving up journalists.”

“Once again Rupert Murdoch is trying to pin the blame on individual journalists, hoping that a few scalps will salvage his corporate reputation,” NUJ general secretary Michelle Stanistreet told The Guardian.

“The developments show this is no longer only about phone hacking. It goes to the very heart of corporate governance of the company,” said Labour MP Tom Watson.

All of the eight arrested are currently out on bail.

Theater shakes up DeWitt with Shaker production

MacKenzie Anderson

GUEST WRITER

This week marks the opening of “As It Is In Heaven,” the most recent Hope College Theatre Department production. The play will run Feb. 22 – Feb. 25.

“As It Is In Heaven” by Arlene Hutton focuses on the women of the Shaker community of Pleasant Hill, Ky., during a time of religious revival and conflict. Trouble arises within the community when young newcomers begin to express their spiritual beliefs in ways which defy the strict Shaker traditions.

The play touches on a topic to which students can relate: the expression and persecution of personal spiritual identity. The Shakers found their identity in their spirituality and later in their religious traditions. With the various freedoms that come with leaving home, often one finds a need to define his or her identity. Students often connect their identity with their activities, academics, friend groups, or, like the Shakers, through their

expression of spiritual beliefs. The young women in this play encounter opposition from the leaders of their community when they express their faith in radical ways.

Directed by John Tammi, “As It Is In Heaven” showcases traditional Shaker worship songs and dances during scene transitions. Elizabeth Dwyer (’12) served as the production’s vocal director, teaching the various acapella Shaker songs to the cast. Linda Graham of the dance department, who had previous experience with the Shaker style of worship, served as the choreographer for the production.

“The Shakers were both admired and derided – admired for their successful and industrious work ethic, their aesthetic and functional designs and their pragmatic inventions; at the same time they were derided for their eccentricities – one of which was dancing. Through their shaking dances, which eventually became highly choreographed, they released

their tensions. Ecstatic dance was also their plug-in to God. Through dance, they released themselves, and therefore could open themselves to God,” Graham said.

“There is a long history of ecstatic dance in many faiths serving as a direct conduit to God. It is believed that the first dance was actually ritualized for this purpose, and all other forms, styles and conceptions of dance have stemmed from this sacred purpose,” Graham said.

Ten women comprise the play’s small cast, including freshmen Rebecca Flinker and Taylor Ann Krahn; sophomores Molly Coyle and Alexa Duimstra; juniors Laura Clement, Kaitlin Colburn, Kelsey Colburn, Sophia Daly and Kaija Von Websky; and Kara Williams, a senior.

On Friday there will be a discussion panel after the show. Audience members are encouraged to stay after the performance to discuss the production and the questions it raises with professor Lynn Japinga, Deborah Schakel

and Diana Van Kloken.

Scene and properties were designed by the resident scenic designer Prof. Richard L. Smith. Costumes were designed by director of theatre and resident costume designer Prof. Michelle Bombe. Lighting and sound were designed by the resident sound and lighting designer and manager of theatre facilities professor Perry Landes. Andrew Gras, a junior, served as the assistant lighting designer.

Tickets for “As It Is In Heaven” are \$10 for regular admission, \$7 for senior citizens and Hope faculty and staff and \$5 for students. Tickets are



PHOTO COURTESY OF MACKENZIE ANDERSON

available at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse. The ticket office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and may be called at (616) 395-7890.

Hope artist profile: photographer Ji-Hyun Jung

Ben Lemmen

GUEST WRITER

What inspired you to pick up a camera as the tool for your art?

I’m just thinking of all the times I was sitting in the back seat of my mom’s car when we’re driving down the highway, and I see the way that certain clouds are parting and the way the light hits them. No matter what I say to everybody else later in my life, they don’t understand what I saw in those moments. They don’t understand the beauty that I saw. For some reason that is so important to me – for people to experience what other people’s walks were like. It’s in the little things. I see it a lot in nature. I suppose because, usually, that’s something that can’t reoccur again. I want to take that bit of experience and share it with other people. I think that is what inspires me.

What are some ways you try to distinguish your work?

I think what makes my work different is that I like to capture the “in between moments.” I like to capture what you see while you’re experiencing something; but never thought a picture could capture it. The moment someone laughed, or the moment someone cried, or the smell of a cake when someone cuts it at a wedding. I try to capture all those other essences when in reality, a picture is just the sight. So, when you look at a picture, you can hear that baby laughing because at that moment it was legitimately laughing.

You often use people as your subjects. Are there other objects, or themes, that you enjoy capturing?

I really like nature and architecture. Which is funny because they’re two completely opposite things; one is man-made and one is God-made. But I like nature because I know that it’s so temporary. Like the moments when I’m walking after the rain and there’s those little dew droplets on a tree. Things that are so temporary that I know I need to capture them, I like that. I like architecture because... things so sharp and shiny just look really cool on camera. (Laughs) I guess there’s no other way to really explain that one.

What outlets are you using to get your work out to the general public?

Obviously a lot of media. I actually never wanted my work to go anywhere. It was honestly just more convenient to have a website for people to put an inquiry into me. I never meant it to be a big business, but I’ve had to decline so many clients because I’m a full-time student. A business is not something I intended to pursue; just something that’s on the side.

Facebook also works like magic, if you know how to work it right as a tool. I have a page on there, and remember that I got like 600 fans in a few days, but I did not intend that at all. There are a lot of avenues through there. Like, randomly I got a call within the first week of making my website. It was a

person in California and they told me that they had found my information on the back of a CD in a hair salon. I was like, “What is my information doing there?” All I did was make a website. I didn’t advertise it by any means. I didn’t do business cards or anything. The world’s crazy.

So, could you see photography as a possible career path?

It’s funny because so many people ask, “So, you’re majoring

shoot with usually?

I shoot with a Canon. It’s really funny because Photoshop does magic. People think I have one of those Canon 50D’s. I don’t. I actually have a T2i Rebel Canon. It’s pretty average; almost anyone can get their hands on one. If you’re trying to be a photographer, usually the beginners have that camera. But it’s a lot of Photoshop that gets my work done, especially because you can’t control

limited avenue. If people are wedding photographers or baby photographers, then there’s only so many times you can have a mother’s belly in front of a “Bump” sign. Or the baby blocks on the belly. After a while you’re like, “Okay, every customer is getting the same thing, I want something fresh, but don’t know what else to do.” But I think that when you are truly creative, you don’t look at all the websites, get inspired by people, and try to imitate it; you do your own thing. You see things the way no one has seen something before.

Any advice for aspiring photographers?

I would say to literally just pick up a camera and go for it. I’ve had so many people come up to me and say, “I see things and I want to take pictures, but I know I’m not a good photographer.” Well, how do you know? They say, “I’m just not artistic.” But have they ever tried? The thing is, photography is so different than any other form of art because you don’t have to recreate it; you just have to see and know how to feel it. Honestly, I think it’s a passion that a lot of people can pursue, and it’s a lifelong thing. I really would consider it for anyone. If it was painting or something like that, I would maybe say something different. But just go for it, and practice. No one can teach you to be a good photographer; you just have to keep working at it.

Check out her work at www.jjungphotography.com.



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SMILE!— Ji-Hyun Jung (’13) shows off her goofy self in front of the camera.

in photography?” And I respond with, “Nope, not at all actually.” But honestly it’s really convenient to have; if all else fails in life I can always have photography as a fallback. So, I don’t see it as the center of where I go, but I know it will always be something of a hobby. I really don’t intend to have a business with it. Then again, I can’t limit God, so you never know.

What equipment do you use to

weather.

Does your creative process ever become old or forced? Writers often get writer’s block – is there such a thing as photographer’s block?

I would think so. I haven’t gotten there yet, because I like to think that creativity can be found anywhere. But yes, there definitely is. Especially for people who have a very

Hope students turn business ideas into reality

Hope Grows helps orphans grow own food

“Hope Grows” is a non-profit organization that sophomore Colleen Quick (‘14) developed last summer as part of the Hope Entrepreneurship Initiative.

The Anchor: Where did you get the idea for “Hope Grows?”

Colleen Quick: When I was 8, I started going to Juárez Mexico on mission trips with my church. The trips were led by my father and we would go about four times a year. In 2008, my dad started a non-profit organization called Amigos in Cristo” which is an after school program that helps keep children off of the streets. Amigos in Cristo feeds the children, helps them do homework, does Bible lessons, plays games and provides life skill classes.

I lived in Juárez for the summer at an orphanage. One of the problems I noticed at the orphanage is that some of them rely completely on food donations from the United States. If they didn't receive green beans or vegetables that week, then they wouldn't have any healthy food. My dad's community centers started gardens and I thought it would be a good idea to start gardens at the orphanages and teach the children how to grow their own food.

The Anchor: Why are you passionate about this cause?

CQ: I am really passionate about children who are living in poverty and feeding the hungry. It has always been a heavy burden on my heart knowing that I have so

much at the tips of my fingers and then there are children who don't even eat a meal a day. While living at the orphanage, I formed close relationships with the children and knew that I wanted to do something to help.

The Anchor: What were the initial steps in getting the gardens started?

CQ: This past summer, I went to Juárez two different times with my father and some people from my church. Together we built gardens at two different orphanages and got plants from the community center to plant. We also hired a garden manager who oversees the gardens. He has taught the children how to plant and when to water the crops.

The Anchor: What is grown and how is the garden maintained?

CQ: The main things that are grown are chilles, tomatoes, onions, cilantro and peppers,

this going in the future?
CQ: As of right now, I'm not entirely sure, but I definitely



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which are all foods they eat a ton of in Mexico. The children at the orphanages water the crops every day in the morning and then pull them when they are ready.

The Anchor: Where do you see

want to see a greenhouse built in Juárez and hopefully get a couple of other orphanages gardens. ... Taking this to big organizations is definitely a possibility, but for right now I'm trying to take it one step at a time.

Fashion blog evolves into social media marketing effort



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Hope student and thrift store fashionista Emi Hattori (‘12) reached internet fame with her blog, “Today I Wore at Hope.” Following the blog's success, The Anchor asks Hattori about the blog's beginnings, as well as its social networking plans for the future. Combining her friend Ziye Liu's (‘12) business skills with the opportunities of the Internet, Hattori hopes to expand further

into the blogosphere.

The Anchor: What is “Today I Wore at Hope” and how did you get the idea for it?

Emi Hattori: “Today I Wore at Hope” is a fashion blog I started with my friends. I love going to thrift stores and wanted to keep a record of my outfits because after you wear an outfit once, no one's

going to remember it.

Initially I would take pictures of myself and my friends but then I would see strangers on campus and think to myself, “Hey, her outfit looks really nice,” so I started taking pictures of them as well.

The Anchor: What type of response did you get for TIWAH?

EH: Within its first week, TIWAH

reached over 13,000 post views. I thought that God was telling me “this could be something,” but I wasn't sure what.

The Anchor: How did you turn TIWAH into a business venture?

EH: One day I mentioned TIWAH to my friend Ziye and she was very interested in it, so we sat down, talked about it and decided that we wanted to make some type of business out of it.

Originally we wanted to take TIWAH and work toward turning it into a networking company. We hoped that it could pop up at other colleges and there would be a “Today I Wore at Calvin or a “Today I Wore at Grand Valley.” However we quickly realized that we could only get advert-ising revenue which is super hard to get.

Our new idea is to be a social media marketing company where we package the information of how to utilize Facebook and franchise it to local businesses. Big companies have the resources to hire big social media experts, but small local businesses, like downtown Holland, don't have the resources and the money to do that. We thought that we could help them utilize Facebook more and drive traffic to their business.

The Anchor: What do each of you individually bring to the business?

EH: I love being creative but don't

have any business background like Ziye does. We combined our abilities and formed a team where she handles the business side and I handle the creativity.

The Anchor: Have you gotten any type of response from local businesses?

EH: What's crazy is that the day after we formed that idea, the Holland Rescue Mission called [Hope] and were looking for someone to help them with social media. We met and will be helping them make Facebook pages and help them update them in order to promote their business, drive traffic and attract potential customers.

The Anchor: Where do you see this venture going?

EH: I would like to pursue this after I graduate. I do not exactly know where this is going. We are still in the experimental phase. If this is successful and I am somehow able to make money of of this, I really want to pursue it.

The Anchor: What makes you qualified to do this job?

EH: Most college students are good at using social media; however, knowing how to market through social media information is different. We have the knowledge of how to use social media and how to successfully market through it.

Lifestyle branding company ignites Great Lakes passion

Aleesa Ribbens
FEATURES EDITOR

It doesn't matter whether you're talking about Lakes Michigan, Huron, Superior, Ontario or Erie; According to senior Kylen Blom (‘12), “whether sailing, splashing, fishing or gazing, you know what your lake is. Part of that lake is in you, which makes it yours.”

Great Lake pride has inspired Blom and Holland local, Jonathan Koop, to develop “My Great Lake”

a lifestyle branding company that strives not only to ignite passion about the Great Lakes, but to show that each one is unique and worth being celebrated.

The company offers apparel (T-shirts, long-sleeves, sweat-shirts and stickers) tailored to feature each of the five great lakes.

While most Hope students spent the week of finals cramming for exams or typing out their papers, Blom used his study breaks to design T-shirts and launch a website in preparation for their initial “soft launch,” that went live in December.

As the purchases started rolling in, Blom said that they thought, “this could really be something. Let's keep going.” The result: Blom and Koop expanded their inventory to include long-sleeves, sweat shirts and stickers. A portion of each sale made is donated to a Grand Haven based non-profit organization called “The Alliance for the Great Lakes.” The company's purpose

is to protect and conserve the Great Lakes and deal with everything from the amount of water that is taken out of them, to the pollutants that are placed into them, species that invade the waters and cleaning up the shores. Blom says they support the company because it aligns with their passion.

“The reason that we didn't start a non-profit,” said Blom, “is that there are already a lot of non-

business in the Grand Rapids event “5x5” which presented five different companies with the opportunity to pitch their idea to a panel of five judges to win \$5,000 in grant money to support their company. While they might not have won the grand prize, they did walk away with \$2,000.

Following graduation, Blom plans to focus his time on expanding his company outside of Holland. This summer, he plans

on taking a road trip to the cities that are on the shores of the Great Lakes.

“I'm going to be traveling around all of the Great Lakes and attending different types of festivals and different towns and communities,” said Blom.

“I want to share our story with them, tell them what we are doing and try to get people excited about it because it's a new thing, it's a new idea and people are just starting to get excited about it.”

If all goes according to plan, then residents of Holland can look forward to a festival at the culmination of the road trip. Blom hopes that the festival will include activities such as sailing, kayaking, volleyball tournaments and other types of challenges.

“We want to throw a big party, not only as a thank you to the community, but also as a way to say ‘everyone get ready, it's going to be sweet,’” said Blom.

“If it takes off and if we get enough interest over the summer and find the right connections, I would love to start putting together some

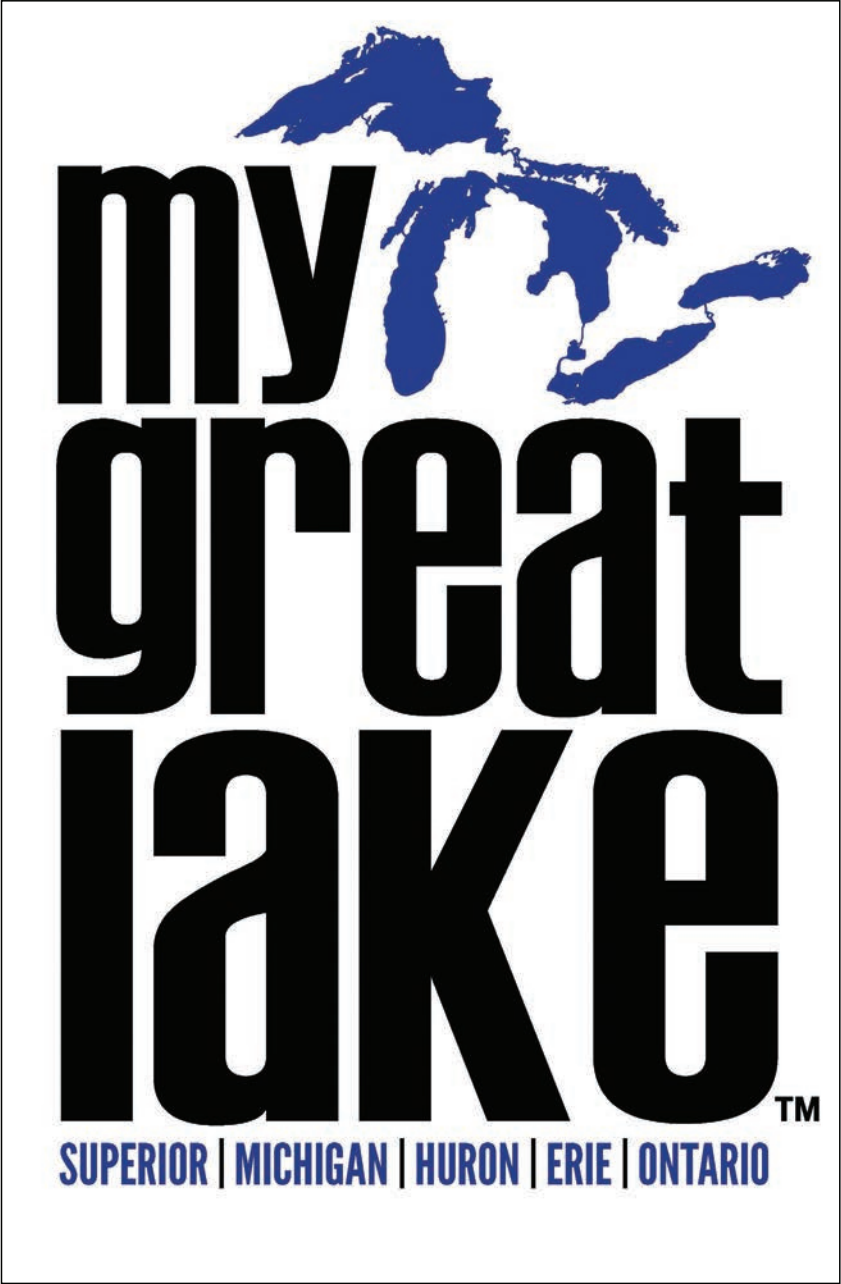
festivals for the next summer for each lake ... I want people to experience more activities on the lakes than they ever have before.”

While Michiganders might think of the Great Lakes in terms of the lakes that border state of Michigan, Blom stresses that his business is not just about Michigan pride.

“We are focused on Michigan just as much as we are focused on Wisconsin, New York, Indiana and Ohio.” Because Hope College is located so close to Lake Michigan, it is easy for students to take their access to fresh water for granted.

“It is important to take time to appreciate the lakes we have been blessed with and enjoy what they have to offer,” concluded Blom.

For more information on “My Great Lake,” or to order your apparel, visit www.mygreatlake-online.com.



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Staying Young

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I've always perceived college as the time when you finish the transition from being a kid into being an adult. But recently I've noticed that even as a senior, I don't really view myself as an adult. And looking at my classmates, I don't see anyone else who I think of as an adult.

Sure I think I'm generally responsible, and based on my age I'm legally an adult, but when I think of myself, the term "college kid" pops up in my mind.

I think that a large part of this self perception can be attributed to the fact that society no longer expects a lot from people in my age bracket. Even on a legal level, healthcare laws have been modified to allow me to remain under my parent's coverage.

Most people don't seem to be in a hurry to reach the traditional milestones of life: graduating college, leaving home, getting married, having a child and reaching financial independence.

That sounds like a lot of things to accomplish, but according to U.S. Census data collected in 1960, 77 percent of women and 65 percent of men had accomplished all of these things by age 30. By 2000, these percentages dropped absurdly to 46 percent for women and 31 percent for men.

I know that a lot of this percentage drop is the result of choice and not a lack of accomplishment. A number of my peers seem to think that marriage and children are things that a person does once they're done having fun.

College has been marketed by Hollywood as everyone's last chance to be a kid and people seem to be carrying this mindset into their post-college lives. There is nothing wrong with taking some time before you "settle down" and there is nothing wrong with not wanting to "settle down" at all. But this desire to pursue personal interests needs to be tempered with responsibility, and based on the number of post-college graduates who are still reliant on their parents, this is not happening.

Before people take the time to chase their dreams, they need to earn that opportunity. Sure the cost of college is tremendous and it's fine to get helping paying for it, but if you are getting help from your parents, that debt implies a responsibility to work hard to justify our parents' financial sacrifices.

Even without considering the financial responsibilities of many college students, there seems to be a general lack of perspective on what being a

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10 things (not) to do when meeting someone famous

Alex Brennan
Columnist



- 1) When waiting make sure you go to the bathroom beforehand. There is nothing worse than having to pee just minutes before your favorite celebrity shows up. Also, it decreases the chance that you will wet yourself when you see them.
- 2) Make sure that you are indeed meeting a celebrity. It will be slightly embarrassing when you confront a complete stranger thinking they are famous when they are in fact not.
- 3) Do not mistake another celebrity for someone else. Do not be that person that is taking a picture with someone just because everyone else is. And for the sake of everyone involved, ask who they are while you are get-

- ting their autograph.
- 4) Do not be a mime. Thrusting your pen and paper in the celebrity's face, while smiling, is not a good idea. Try having a normal conversation. Ask how their day is going or thank them for taking the time to sign your used Kleenex.
 - 5) Think before you speak. There is nothing worse than meeting someone and blurting out the first thought that pops into your brain when you have watched on-screen for years. It's usually something stupid. For example:
 - 6) Don't yell, "I want to have your baby!" This is just uncomfortable for you, the celebrity and the entire crowd you have so willingly announced your desires to. The following comments are also unacceptable: Talk dirty to me. You're better looking onscreen. How's your ex-wife. You are my God. Will you marry me? I hate you. Can I have your autograph? Can you help me with my math homework?
 - 7) Really think before you speak. I mean it. When you have scripted what you are going to say, make sure to say exactly what you plan. I'm not kidding. In the moment it is really hard to remember what you have planned, but

- really really just stick to your script. Otherwise, you'll say something like: "I've always wanted to meet you forever! Will you be my friend? This is a dream come true! You're real, like right here in front of me! I can't believe this is happening! Oh my God, I love you."
- 8) Do not cry in front of said celebrity. Some people will tell you that it is flattering, but I cannot urge you enough to keep your composure. You will look ridiculous and the celebrity might think you are crazy.
 - 9) Do not take three steps away from the celebrity and with your back turned to them, do your happy dance and scream. They can still hear you and they can still see you. You will look ridiculous. If it makes you feel better, you can tell yourself they appreciate the enthusiasm and the intentions of your actions, but they do not.
 - 10) Do not under any circumstances attempt to caress their face. This will end poorly for you every time. You will be slapped with a restraining order at best, if you are lucky. You can however, accidentally brush hands when getting their autograph.
- Alex met Alan Rickman ("Harry Potter," "Sweeney Todd") last weekend. She did NOT do any of these things.

A life worth living
Intentionality

Marc Tori
Columnist



Do you remember SOPA and PIPA? They were bills introduced in the U.S. Congress that would censor content on the Internet, among other things. They were highly controversial, but it was clear that Internet users were not in favor. Several people changed their Facebook profile pictures and tweeted about the injustice of censoring the Internet.

The uprising in response to SOPA and PIPA shocked me. I've never seen people so passionate against legislation before. Congress quickly scrapped the bills and the whole event soon faded from our minds.

Now I'm wondering how we can resurrect that passion. Injustice happens all around us in society. Most of it, in my opinion, is much worse than SOPA and PIPA. I don't see nearly the same level of action being taken against any of it. Where has all our passion gone? Aren't we college students learning to take roles of leadership and service into a global society?

In my cultural heritage class, we read the Greek tragedy "Medea." In this play, Medea is an extremely passionate woman. So passionate, in fact, that because she cannot stand the thought of her husband leaving her she kills her two children and herself. If she can't be happy, no one can. Her husband, Jason, is so logical, reasonable and impassionate that he does nothing except grieve at what he lost.

These two characters were out of balance. The author, Euripides, has a message for us

today: Don't be like Medea and don't be like Jason. Balance your reason and passion. If I was honest, I think most of us need to shift more toward the Medea side (but please, not too far!). We shouldn't be so numb to injustice that we do nothing, yet we can't be loose cannons either.

We can start by finding something to be passionate about. Dance Marathon is coming up. Fundraising for those kids and families is worth being passionate about. Start going to Hope United for Justice meetings. Find a local place to volunteer. There are causes everywhere around us that need our attention. What meaningful things have you done this school year? Have you left a lasting impact?

If we could sustain the short burst of passion we had against SOPA and PIPA for a semester, we would change the world. I'm serious. Don't underestimate the importance of speaking out, showing up, or giving money. Some working adults see college students as unreliable and uninterested. We can change that. We can show them we are different.

Join with me in showing continuous, sustained passion for a cause. The presidential elections are coming up soon. I say we start asking some tough questions of the men who want to lead our country. Don't wait until November to educate yourself on the issues. It's our civic duty to be involved in choosing our leaders.

I hope my words don't fall on deaf ears. What we do now echoes in eternity. Each day, each week, each semester is too important to blow off. So please, find the passion God has placed in your heart and share it with the world. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter."

Marc is passionate about sustainability and taking care of creation. Don't you dare throw away recyclables!



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The study abroad column: Aye



Awrite, olá, bonjour, hei, hej, hello to you from this brisk city of Aberdeen, Scotland, a city whose light certainly does not come from the sun but rather the many cultures represented here. Aberdeen’s skies are usually gray, brimming with rain, sleet and hail, but, some days, the sun shines in a nearly cloudless blue sky, a pleasant reminder for me that God continues to smile down on Scotland, at least sometimes.

The University of Aberdeen is overflowing with students from around the world, from hundreds of different countries, with a million different stories. The buses swell with conversation between friends, families and colleagues--a steady hum of Spanish, French, Russian, Polish, Finnish and other languages overpowering the harsh rumble of the cobblestone beneath the wheels. It seems as if, with each passing moment, I am introduced to a different language, a new culture, a fresh perspective. Some days it is hard to believe that I landed in Scotland.

There are six of us in my cozy, albeit modest, flat – two from Metz, France; one from Glasgow, Scotland; one from Edinburgh, Scotland; one from Joensuu, Finland, and me. I wake up every morning to a smooth melody of French being spoken in the kitchen and manage to greet the girls gracefully, “Bonjour, ca va bien?” Together, we enjoy toast with jam, fruit juice and laughter – a good way to

begin the day. On Tuesdays and Fridays, I have “uni” – simply put, class.

The walk to campus takes me down a muddy trail alongside the River Don, through the sprawling and green Seaton Park, up a hill past the enormous Cathedral Church of St. Machar (built in the 1130s), and down cobblestone roadways lined with humble cottages, small pubs, and bakeries. I enjoy four hours of lectures on Victorian and Scottish literature on Tuesdays, and I immerse myself in the analysis and discussion of the material in the four-hour tutorials on Fridays. My schedule is much more relaxed than I am used to at Hope, so every day is a surprise, an extraordinary exploration filled with more aimless wandering and wonderment than anything else. It is a true joy to lose myself in this place.

Each day comes and goes, lasting moments and years, a confusion of time and space that throws my body and mind off balance. Aye, I know that I am in Scotland; sometimes it simply takes slowing down for it to become a reality. Other times, I must hike to the North Sea and stand on the edge of the world, gazing out at nothing and at everything, straining toward Poland and Russia, so far from home and so very small, yet taking part in so big an adventure. Such a strange feeling it is. What a beautiful life we live.

Rips and Tears



Kate Schrampfer
Columnist

Winter break was supposed to be a fun, relaxing couple of days. I had a few set plans but left lots of room for spur-of-the-moment decisions, naps and even a little homework. But things changed pretty quickly early on Saturday morning. Instead of waking up to the sun streaming in my big, south-facing windows, I woke up to a tap on my bedroom door. It was still dark out, and for a moment I was really confused. Then my door opened and my dad came in and sat down on my bed. And then I got a feeling in my gut that I’d only had a few times before in my life, on the days when my grandpas died.

My dad said something like “I’m sorry to have to tell you this,” and I know I responded with, “Oh, no.” And then I was crying and hugging him my dad, who almost never, ever cries, but was then. And through the shaky tears he told me what I’d already guessed: that my grandma had died.

He had to leave then, to go take care of things, and I rolled over, trying to fall back asleep... but I couldn’t. I guess I’d known it was coming, as my grandma had been slowly declining for about a year. Most of the time, she really wasn’t herself, and her once-quick opinions had melted into a mellow oblivion. Lying in bed that morning, struggling to control my leaky eyes, it finally made sense- why people use “R.I.P.” when someone they love dies. I know what it really stands for (rest in peace), but I always thought that “rip” was an ugly acronym for something that’s supposed to be about peace. There’s nothing peaceful about ripping, but it fits here, because even if

you know, deep down, that the deceased is happier than you could ever imagine possible, there’s still that raw feeling.

Matthew 27:51 describes how, when Jesus died, the whole earth felt this rawness. Two things happened: “the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom” and “the earth shook and the rocks split.” For some odd reason, this image, which I’ve heard in countless Good Friday services, came to my mind on Saturday, while I was trying to hold the rips together. Crazy... but in the circumstances of Jesus’ own death, it seem like this ripping is supposed to happen.

Death is not part of God’s original plan, but the ripping is a reminder that he is in control. It is a reminder of the torn curtain in the temple, which signifies how in Christ’s death and resurrection, we are drawn up into God’s story. We are able to approach him, apart from our sin, because through Christ, the curtain of blame that separates us from God is torn.

This doesn’t make death okay. The death of Jesus made the whole earth shake... literally. So when a loved one of ours dies, it seems to make sense that our figurative worlds are shaken. They should be -- lament is as much a part of life as celebration.

So even though the funeral is over, and break is over, I’m not over my grandma being gone yet. I’m taking my time, and crying, because even though people tell me it’s for good, and I know in my heart it is, I still need the tears. The rip in my family is real and painful and present, and our lives are never going to be the same again. I’m just praying, for myself and for my hurting family, the words from a song, over and over again: “Give me your eyes for just one second/ Give me your eyes so I can see/ Everything that I keep missing”

Given the rest of the song, I don’t think that’s exactly what Brandon Heath wrote the lyrics for, but it fits, in a way, and it is my prayer of mourning. Give me your eyes, Father... give my family your wisdom... give us all the awareness of your great love for the world so that we can understand why these things happen. So that I can understand why my grandma is gone.

Love you and miss you lots, grandma.

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contributing member of society is.

This is documented wonderfully in the film “Knocked Up.” The male protagonist of the film, played by Seth Rogan is not in debt to anyone, but he still has a very childish and selfish worldview.

Instead of ruining his life, an unexpected pregnancy pushes him towards a change in perspective and he becomes a responsible father and his life sees huge improvements.

So I’m not saying that everyone needs to get married and have kid, but I think it’s worth considering that sometimes, these things can actually make your life better.

One of my favorite movies is “Grosse Pointe Blank.” In this film John Cusack drops out of school to do his own thing (he ends up being a hitman) and the film documents his high school reunion. At the reunion he comes up to a woman he knew in high school who was holding a baby. He asks, “How is it all, it not like it was supposed to be right?” She replies, “No, no it’s not true, it’s great. People think that when you get married, you loose your freedom.” “It’s not true.” “No. It gets better and better.” She hands Cusack the baby and he gains a new appreciation for life.

So I know that being a listless hipster isn’t the same thing as being a hitman, but I think that this is still a valuable message.

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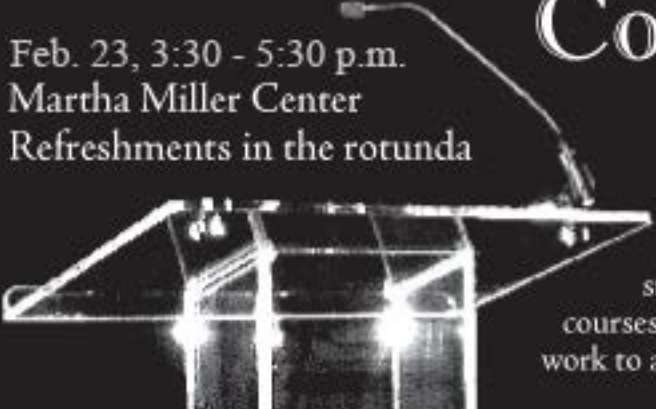
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Rising cost for a Hope education continues

◆ Tuition, from page 1

average while still providing an above average education. He attributes this success to “realistically, disciplined effort to control costs, strategic financial planning, targeting stewardship efforts, and diligent student recruiting and fundraising efforts.”

Despite these promising statements, many students are not convinced that the tuition increase is necessary. Sophomore Sara Beasley, who holds two jobs to help pay for Hope (one of which involves babysitting at 5:45 am!) is not pleased by the numbers.

When asked how she felt about the tuition increase Beasley said, “As a transfer student, I don’t receive much financial aid and my parents can only pay for so much. Working two jobs on top of school isn’t easy but it is necessary for me to be able to afford it. One of those jobs is in the admissions office talking to accepted students and the most common thing I hear is

‘I love Hope but my family just can’t afford it.’

And Beasley is not alone. All across the country students are

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— SARA BEASLEY ('14)

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forced to search for yet another job or pray for additional financial aid to supplement the skyrocketing sticker price of their college education.

Although this has caused frustration for students and parents, Hope says it is doing its best to offer an above average education with a below average tuition increase.

Peace Corps offers post-grad option

◆ Peace Corps, from page 1

Furthermore, certain academic concentration and language combinations were cited as potentially helpful, such as environmental degrees and Spanish or Agriculture and French.

Rutter took steps to both prepare himself for the Peace Corps and give him a competitive edge. “I knew after applying to the Peace Corps that I wanted to be involved in the entrepreneurial aspect of their small business advising program, so I chose to continue to pursue learning from and experimenting with the growing entrepreneurial crowd in West Michigan. These experiences and relationships have worked to prepare me for the unknown - to critically think and properly react in high-stress scenarios. More importantly, however, I

have sought spiritual training and preparation from my local elders and church to strengthen me for endurance and perseverance in the faith within non-Christian cultures,” Rutter said.

While there is no “typical” Peace Corps volunteer, 90 percent of those in service do have a college degree. And while the average age to serve is 28, seven percent are over the age of 50. Twenty percent are minorities, 61 percent are women, and 39 percent are men.

If you see yourself joining the ranks of these adventurous men and women, explore some of Peace Corp’s many social media outlets, which include Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and LinkedIn. For more information about the Peace Corps application process and service experience, visit



EXPANDING YOUR POST COLLEGE PLANS— A Peace Corps volunteer teaches in a classroom abroad.

Swim teams finish second in league meet

Bethany Stripp
SPORTS EDITOR

Hope's men's and women's swimming and diving teams both finished second in the MIAA for the second year in a row while Kalamazoo and Calvin repeated as conference champions in the men's and women's competition, respectively.

The league meet began on Feb. 15. Hope's women's 800-yard freestyle relay team of Sarah Sohn ('12), Erin Holstad ('13), Chelsea Wiese ('12) and Libby Westrate ('13) won the opening race of the meet with a time of 7:39:58. Sohn, Holstad, Weise and Westrate set a school record in the race, defeating the previous record set in 2009 by about half a second.

Hope's men's team of Josh Grabijas ('13), Patrick Frayer ('12), Chris Waechter ('15) and Andrew Rose ('12) turned in a third-place finish in the men's 800-yard freestyle relay.

Sohn and Grabijas won the 500-yard freestyle MIAA championship for the third time on Feb. 16. Westrate took home her second consecutive 50-yard freestyle championship that day as well, winning the race with a NCAA conditional qualifying time of :23.74. Hope also won both the men's and women's 400-yard medley relays.

Two highlights of Feb. 16's competition came from Wiese and Kyleigh Sheldon ('13). Wiese took Hope's first women's title in the 200 IM since 2004, beating Calvin's Stephie Fox by five one-



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DETERMINATION— Jeff Shade ('12) competes in last week's MIAA league meet.

hundredths of a second. Sheldon won the women's 3-meter dive with a score of 433.00 and was the first Hope woman to win the event in 11 years.

Friday's meet opened like Thursday's with two Hope wins in the 400-yard individual medley. Wiese took the women's title, finishing in 4:40.08 and Jeff Shade ('12) finished in first place for the men for the second year in a row. Westrate won her third 200-yard freestyle gold medal and tied the school record time of 1:52.58 in the preliminary race. Nick Hazekamp ('13) set a school record that day in the 100-yard backstroke prelims with a time of :51.14 and won the finals with an NCAA conditional qualifying time of :51.20. Maria Kieft ('14) also won the event for

the women in :57.94.

The MIAA meet concluded on Feb. 18. Sohn opened the day with a win for Hope, taking the 1,650-yard freestyle title for the fourth year in a row and turned in an NCAA conditional qualifying time of 17:28.00. Grabijas won the same event for the men.

Hazekamp and Westrate continued their winning ways in their signature events on Saturday, with Hazekamp taking the 200-yard backstroke title and Westrate for a third time in the meet with her third consecutive 100-yard freestyle win.

Westrate, Holstad, Sohn and Wiese ended the meet the same way it started, taking the title in the 400-yard freestyle relay.



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CHAMPION— Libby Westrate ('13) took three individual titles and contributed to two relay wins at the league meet.

Men's tennis opens season with indoor tournament

James Rogers
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's tennis team launched its indoor season by taking part in the Grand Rapids City Tournament at the Orchard Hills Athletic Club last Friday and Saturday.

The tournament consisted of six schools from the western side of Michigan. Participating alongside Hope were Aquinas College, Calvin College, Davenport University, Grand Rapids Community College and Grand Valley State University.

The tournament opened Friday with doubles play, while singles matches were held Saturday. Also known as the West Michigan Tournament, this was the first of six scheduled indoor matches for the Dutchmen.

Four pairs of Dutchmen took the courts on Friday during doubles action, and the tandem of Bobby Cawood ('13) and Kyle Kreps ('13) provided the strongest results for Hope. They posted wins in two of their three matches.

In the first match, Cawood and Kreps defeated Andrew Darrell and Benny Delgado-Rochas of Grand Valley 8-6. Dropping their second match 8-5 to Aaron Hendrick and Nick Artaev of Aquinas, the

pair finished strong with an 8-6 victory over Davenport's Vitaly Schumilov and Eric Pell. Cawood and Kreps finished third place in the tourney.

"Getting the win over Grand Valley in our first match was huge," Kreps said. "It gave us a lot of confidence going into our next one."

Although the pair dropped the next match to Aquinas, Kreps noted that Aquinas is one of the best pairs they will face all season. Sticking with them was a positive.

"We knew that the Aquinas 1 doubles team could be one of the best we could play all year and we hung with them throughout the match," Kreps said. "Unfortunately we couldn't get the victory though."

Kreps was pleased with the way he and Cawood came back in the third match against Davenport, complementing each other's game very well.

"Beating Davenport for third place was a good way to end the night too," Kreps said. "Bobby and I work pretty well together. We've been roommates for the past three years and that definitely helps on the court."

Hope's other three pairs each dropped both of their matches in doubles play on Friday.

Saturday's singles proved

to be more successful for the Dutchmen, with four different players serving to a match win.

Cawood led the way with three straight wins. He cruised past Casey Feenstra of GRCC 6-2 6-1, then had similar results against Calvin's Loukas Peterson with a 6-0 6-3 triumph. Cawood ended with a default win over Aaron Hendrick of Aquinas.

Parker Bussies ('14) clashed with Calvin's Brian DeMaagd in a close three-set match. Bussies dropped the first set 4-6 but came back firing, claiming the second set 6-2 and eventually finishing off DeMaagd 10-7 in the third set.

Cody Herbruck ('15) held on against Matt Jackson of GRCC, winning in straight sets 6-3 6-4. John Panzer ('15) was the fourth Dutchmen to tally a victory, flying to a 6-2 6-2 beating of GRCC's Andrew Amante.

The Dutchmen were without two of its top players in Gabe Casher ('14) and Davis Vanderveen ('13), who were presenting research at a conference in Las Vegas. Even with these two absences, Kreps was optimistic with what he saw.

"I think the second day of the tournament was good for our team," Kreps said. "There is definitely a lot of room for improvement but for the first tournament of the season, it

wasn't bad. A lot of guys played really well on Saturday."

With the first matches of the young indoor season completed, Kreps compared the advantages of playing indoors to outdoors. Kreps enjoys both settings.

"Indoors is nice because the courts are much faster than outdoors and that definitely bodes well for my big game," Kreps said. "Outdoors is great too because you get to add the element of the weather. It definitely can change the way you play."

Another thing that changes the way you play is establishing friendships with fellow teammates and keeping each other accountable on a daily basis.

With no seniors on the roster this season, the young Dutchmen still have veteran experience with a handful of juniors who lead by example and keep each other committed.

"I think we have a chance to have a pretty successful season," Kreps said. "The atmosphere during our practices has been great so far. We want everyone to be giving it their all in each drill."

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Wednesday Feb. 22
Men's Basketball
vs. Calvin at 7 p.m.

Thursday Feb. 23
Women's Basketball
vs. Albion at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 25
Women's Tennis
vs. Aquinas at 10 a.m.
Men's Basketball
MIAA Championship game at highest remaining seed, 3 p.m.
Women's Basketball
MIAA Championship game at highest remaining seed, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

TRACK CONTINUES INDOOR SEASON

The men's and women's track teams competed in the non-scoring Grand Valley Tuneup on Friday. Four Hope athletes took first place among collegiate competitors in the event. Meredith Busman ('14) won the 5,000-meter run, defeating the second place finisher by .48 seconds with a time of 18:40.13. Joel Rietsema ('13) was the first college finisher in the 800 meters, crossing the finish line in 1:53.78. In the men's 3,000-meter run, Nate Love ('12) won the race by about a two and a half second margin in 8:32.92, setting a new school record for the distance. Steffon Mayhue ('14) finished third overall in the long jump but first of athletes attached to a college or university with a jump of 6.49 meters. The track teams have one more indoor meet this season on Feb. 25 against the other MIAA schools at the MIAA Invitational hosted by Calvin College.

MEN'S LACROSSE BEATS WESTERN MICHIGAN

The men's lacrosse team won its game on Feb. 17, defeating Western Michigan University 12-8. The Flying Dutchmen had a 7-3 lead at halftime and maintained its lead to the end to post their first win of the season. Josh Kamstra ('13) had 12 saves in the game. Jacob Kamstra ('14) had four goals in the game and Chris Schedlt ('12), Niko Paganlungan ('14) and Will Franken ('14) contributed two goals each. On defense, Ryan Holmes ('12) had eight takeaways while Schedlt had five.

The men's lacrosse team is in the midst of its last season as a club sport at Hope College. The team now has a break until March 15 when they will take on Calvin at Grand Rapids Christian High School. Next year the men's and women's lacrosse teams will be elevated to varsity status.

Dutchmen finish perfect in MIAA, honor senior class

Katherine Maguire
STAFF WRITER

Hope College men's basketball team defeated Trine 65-46 topping off its perfect 14-0 MIAA season record on Feb. 19.

"I think it (14-0 MIAA record) is pretty special," David Krombeen ('12) said. "It puts our senior group in a special category in history."

Hope and Trine got off to a slow start as they struggled to break their 2-2 tie for over five minutes.

The Flying Dutchmen's weak defense in the beginning left them trailing the Thunder by as many as five points during the first half.

Hope finally took the lead with less than 10 minutes left in the first half and maintained that lead throughout the game.

Going into halftime, Hope was shooting 53 percent and making 66 percent of their free throws—with a strong lead over Trine, 39-16.

"This game was won on the glass," head coach Matt Neil said.

The Flying Dutchmen continued to play strong in the second

half. At one point they led the Thunder by as many as 29 points.

For the last MIAA game of their final season, Hope's four seniors, Peter Bunn, Nate King, David Krombeen, and Logan Neil, dominated the court for most of the second half.

"Our four seniors getting a chance to play together with (Nate Snuggerud)," Neil said, "was a special thing."

Hope's tough defense limited Trine to shooting only 34 percent in the second half.

The Flying Dutchmen totaled



PHOTO BY MONICA DWYER

FOUR BIG YEARS— David Krombeem ('12) puts up a jumper in Hope's 65-46 win over Trine. A varsity player since his freshman year, Krombeen was honored with three fellow seniors.

15 assists, eight blocks, and nine steals for the game. Hope won the game by a final score of 65-46.

Krombeen led the Flying Dutchmen, scoring 11 points. Other game leaders were Neil and Nate VanArdenDonk ('14) each with nine points.

"There were 15 very unselfish, very caring, very determined teammates out there," Snuggerud ('13) said. "That's a big part of why we are 24-1 and 14-0 in the conference."

Saturday's game was a double celebration of the final game of Hope's perfect MIAA

season and the final home game of Hope's seniors.

The final event of the evening was the senior recognition.

Hope men's basketball senior assistants, Paul Bowen and Brian Ward, were recognized as well as the four senior players: Bunn, King, Krombeen and Neil.

With their parents at their side, the players were presented with framed Hope basketball jerseys bearing their numbers, 44, 23, 11 and 12, respectively.

The players thanked the Hope and Holland Communities for their support.

"I would just like to thank everybody, the Dew Crew, the fans, for coming out and supporting us," Krombeen said. "You have really made these four years special."

The Dutchmen head to the semi-finals in the MIAA tournament with its perfect conference season, taking on Calvin for the third time this season.

"It is tough to beat a team three times," Neil said. "I think that our team is mentally and physically tough enough to beat a team three times."

Hope will host Calvin in the semis of the MIAA tournament on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Devos Fieldhouse.

Flying Dutch hold off Adrian, set for MIAA tournament

Bethany Stripp
SPORTS EDITOR

Hope College's women's basketball team closed its regular season on Saturday with a 55-49 win over the Bulldogs of Adrian.

The women entered Saturday's game after a close game at Trine on Feb. 15 that saw the Dutch fall to the Thunder 52-50.

The Dutch fought back from an 11-point deficit early in the second half to regain the lead with less than three minutes remaining, but a series of Trine free throws secured the win for the Thunder.

The Dutch had an early lead in Saturday's game against Adrian, but an 11-0 Bulldog run in the middle of the first half put Hope down by seven.

A jumper by Courtney Kust

('13) ended Hope's nearly seven-minute long scoring drought, and a layup by Rebekah Llorens ('15) with 5:28 left in the first half put Hope back on top.

The Dutch took a four-point lead into the break, but two quick threes from Adrian gave the Bulldogs the lead again. Two free throws by Ashley Bauman ('13) helped cut Adrian's lead before Llorens netted the Dutch's first field goal of the second half to tie the game.

A three-pointer by Liz Ellis ('13) less than a minute later gave Hope a lead they would hold on to for the rest of the game.

"I think it was really good that we got on a run and created some momentum," Ellis said. "We had some players really step up to fill spots."

Ellis led all players in scoring with 16 points. Kust recorded a double-double with 10 rebounds and 10 points. Llorens also



PHOTO BY BETHANY STRIPP

BENCH PRODUCTION— Rebekah Llorens ('15) impressed once again, scoring 10 points and grabbing seven boards in 18 minutes off the bench in Hope's 55-49 win over Adrian.

added 10 points to the Dutch's total and Bauman grabbed nine rebounds.

Absent from Saturday's game was co-captain Maddie Burnett ('12), who suffered a concussion in the Feb. 15 game against Trine and had to sit out against Adrian.

"It was tough, but I know that my head definitely was not right to play," Burnett said of missing the game. "There's just no way that it would have worked out. I'm so proud of my team. They did awesome."

Burnett's absence allowed other players to fill in.

"We overcame the loss of another important player to our program but other people had a chance to step up," head coach Brian Morehouse said. "In particular Anna Kaufmann ('14) got in the game and I thought did some really good things, gave us seven very, very important points. I thought Katie Overway ('13) did a nice job on the glass, getting us six rebounds."

Kaufmann also had a team-high four steals in Saturday's game.

The Dutch will begin MIAA tournament play on Feb. 23

when they host Albion in a rematch of the Jan. 21 63-46 loss.

"I'm looking forward to the week ahead," co-captain Allie Cerone ('12) said. "It's a different situation than we've been in in the past, so I think that's kind of exciting. I don't think this season, no matter what happens, could be disappointing."

In the latest NCAA Division III national polls, the Flying Dutch are ranked number 18 going into the MIAA tournament.

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